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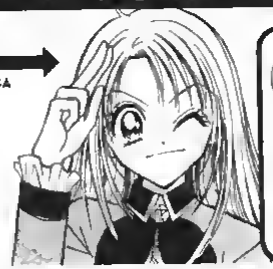
★ WHO'S WHO ★

SPICA



STAR RING

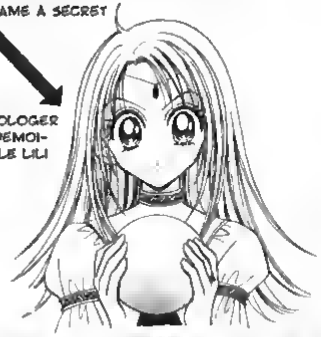
SPICA IS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WHO SOLVES CASES WITH THE HELP OF HER STAR RING. SPICA KEEPS HER REAL NAME A SECRET

WHO IS SPICA? SHE'S LILI HOSHIZAWA. LILI IS ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGED, ALTHOUGH SHE'S A WHIZ AT ASTROLOGY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

LILI'S DAD IS A COP. HE'S ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT LILI AND HER SECRET ACTIVITIES

SPICA'S PARTNER IS HIROMI OKAWA. HE'S A GREAT DETECTIVE TOO. HIROMI IS ALLERGIC TO GIRLS

ASTROLOGER MADEMOISELLE LILI



★LILI IS A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD ASTROLOGER. AT HOME, SHE'S THE CHIEF ASTROLOGER.

★LILI'S SECRET IDENTITY IS "SPICA P.I." SHE'S TOUGH ON CRIME, CRACKING CASES WITH THE HELP OF THE ASTRAL SPIRITS IN HER STAR RING.

SIRIUS

A MYSTERIOUS BEAUTY WHO KNOWS THE MYSTERY OF SPICA

★ STORY up to VOL. 4 ★

LILI RECOVERED THE "HAPPY BRIDE," A FAMOUS PAINTING AT A LOCAL WEDDING CHAPEL. BUT HERE COMES ANOTHER MYSTERY AND SIRIUS IS UP TO HER TRICKS AGAIN!

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (15)

Pisces ♓ Aphrodite

The constellation Pisces represents Aphrodite, the goddess of love, and her child, Eros, tied together by a ribbon. Pisceans are romantic, sensitive and pure-hearted. They go out of their way to help someone in trouble and sometimes even sacrifice themselves to help others. If you are Piscean, remember that some people will try to take advantage of you. Love is more important than power or fame to you and you are very faithful to your partner. Piscean boys crush hard on nice, laid-back girls. Meanwhile, they go ballistic on pretty girls with beautiful smiles. Romantic Pisceans get along great with sweet Cancerians!!

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ZEUS' HOUSE OF TRICKS (Part 1)

★File 9★

ゼウスのトリックハウス(前編)

URG
I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING I WOULDN'T DO.
I'M TOTALLY EMBARRASSED...
...ESPECIALLY AFTER SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I'D SAY IT WAS SOME KIND OF ACCIDENT.
HERE!
IT MUST BE THAT FORTUNE-TELLER'S PLACE THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.
FORTUNE-TELLER?
THEY SAY HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT ON TARGET!
HUH
I HEAR SPICA COULD NEVER KEEP UP WITH HIM.
!?
WHAT?!
HE... HEY, OIKAWA!
BUT YOU GUYS SHOWED UP FOR SCHOOL TOGETHER THIS MORNING. ♡
?
HUH? WE ARE SOOO NOT A COUPLE!
OH BOY! WHEN DID YOU TWO BECOME A COUPLE?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ME HOME ANY-MORE...
...MY BURN ISN'T NEARLY AS BAD AS IT WAS--AS YOU CAN SEE!
ARRRRRRRRGH!!

Fortune-teller Zeus
FORTUNE-TELLER ZEUS?
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
LILI
I'LL JUST SEE HOW GOOD HE REALLY IS.
HE'S LOOKING FOR TROUBLE !!
UMMM... WHY DON'T YOU TRY RINGING THE BELL, SMART GIRL?
PUSH
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE ACTUALLY LIVES IN SUCH AN OLD HOUSE.
IT'S LOCKED.
HUH?
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UUUGH!
I THOUGHT ...
...THIS BUILDING HAD BEEN VACANT FOR A LONG TIME.

HI!

This is the last volume of Zodiac PI I hope you enjoy the story until the very end! Believe it or not, I even had to move after finishing this last episode!! I haven't moved since I was born so it was my first moving experience And I've totally got to confess I made a lot of bum mistakes during the process!

The moment I stepped into the new apartment, I was totally happy.

...so color me stupid on electric bills!

To be continued

ARE YOU TWO NEXT?
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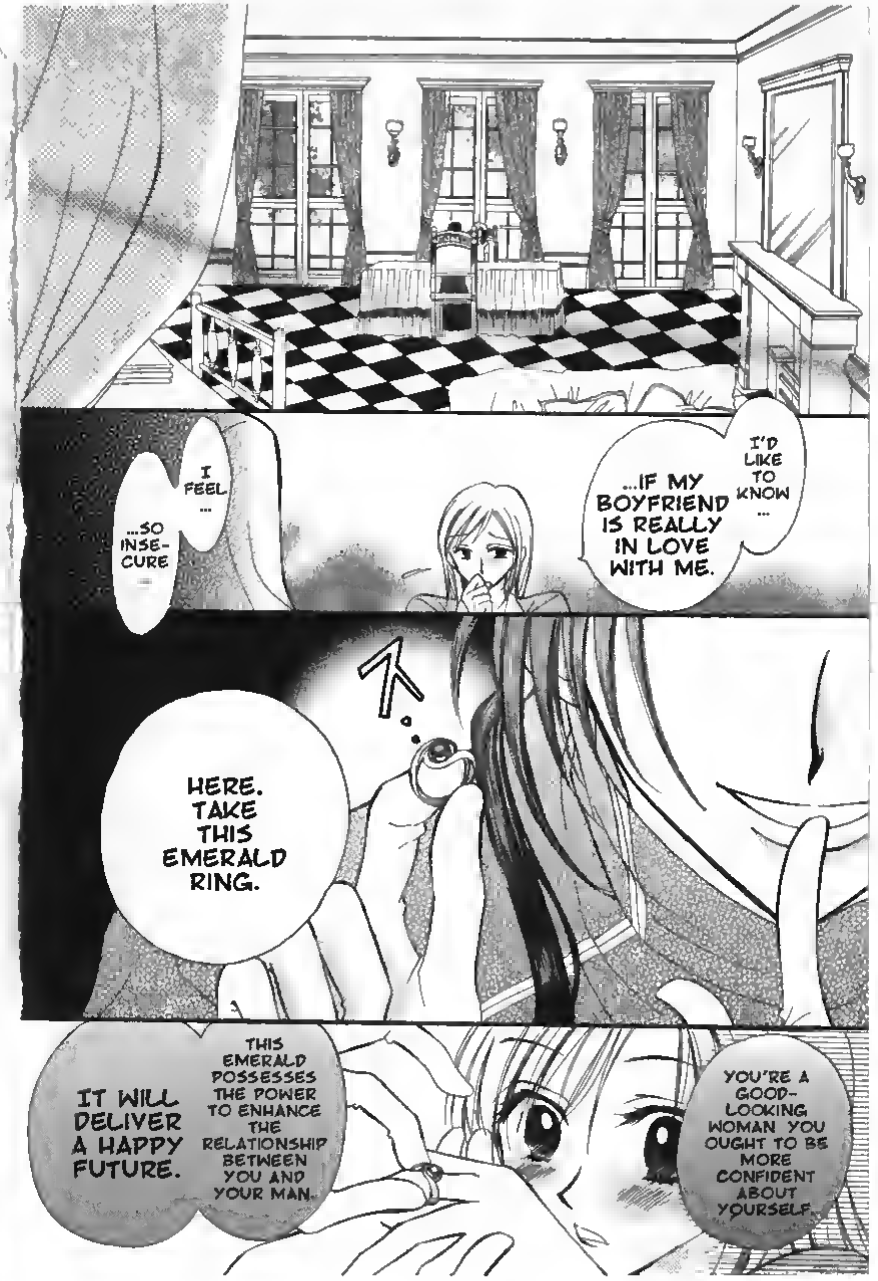
WHY DON'T YOU COME ...
... OVER HERE?
TRUST ME.
FORTUNE-TELLING WITH A GEM?
TH...
...THANK YOU SO MUCH, ZEUS!


I'D LIKE TO KNOW ...
...IF MY BOYFRIEND IS REALLY IN LOVE WITH ME.
I FEEL ...
...SO INSE-CURE
HERE. TAKE THIS EMERALD RING.
THIS EMERALD POSSESSES THE POWER TO ENHANCE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR MAN.
IT WILL DELIVER A HAPPY FUTURE.
YOU'RE A GOOD-LOOKING WOMAN YOU OUGHT TO BE MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT YOURSELF.

COME ON... MOVE IT!
MY BODY ...
WHAT'S THIS?!
...CAN'T MOVE!
HOLD ON!!
AH!
WELCOME ...
...TO ZEUS' FORTUNE-TELLING HOUSE.

One Free Reading
Fortunetellings by
Zeus
For a mysterious experience!
CALM DOWN. YOU KNEW...
...I HAD THE DAY OFF.
BESIDES I GOT THIS COUPON.
BUT HE'S MY COMPETITION! HOW DARE YOU COME TO THIS PLACE?!
I'VE BEEN WAITING IN LINE FOREVER!
I'M NEXT.
I SENT YOU YOUR FREE COUPON...
I WANTED TO GET TO KNOW YOU, THE ASTROLOGIST SPICA!
YOU MUST BE MADEMOISELLE LILI!
YOU'RE GORGEOUS AND CHARMING, JUST AS I'VE HEARD.
GEE, UMN, I'M FLATTERED! THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT!
D...
AH...
...DAD?!
...IS GOING ON?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD...

REALLY?
IT MUST BE TOUGH ...
LIKE YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
NOPE. NO WAY.
IT'S FROM HER MOM. SHE'S BEEN MISSING FOR AWHILE.
IT'S MY TREASURE.
SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT LEFT IT TO ME.
...TO LOSE SOMEONE YOU LOVE DEARLY.

HMM. HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE.
HAVE SOME TEA.
OH, UMM, SURE. THANK YOU!
IT'S MY PLEA-SURE TO FINALLY MEET YOU.
WE MAY BE BUSINESS COMPE-TITORS, BUT FATE MEANT FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.
SNAP
THAT'S AN ODD-LOOKING RING YOU HAVE.
OH... THIS ONE?

THAT'S KIND OF CUTE, YOU KNOW.
WHY ARE YOU GETTING JEALOUS?
NO WAY, DUDE!
ABSOLUTELY NOT. I JUST CAN'T TOLERATE WATCHING MS. CLUELESS HERE GET ALL ARROGANT AND CONCEITED BY YOUR FLATTERY, WHICH SEEMS KIND OF SHALLOW, ACTUALLY.
LILI...
LILI, CALM DOWN.
AND WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN BY "MS. CLUELESS?"
UH...
OH REALLY, HUH?

UM, I THINK...
...WE BETTER BLAZE NOW.

LILI!
DON'T WORRY...
...THEY'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
URG!

!
WHY DON'T THE TWO OF YOU STAY FOR DINNER?
WHAT?!
EEEK !!
BUT BEFORE THAT...

...YOU LOOK STUNNING IN THAT DRESS, JUST AS I EXPECTED.
THAT WAY YOU CAN FORGET ALL ABOUT YOUR MEAN FRIEND, THE ONE WHO CALLED YOU CONCEITED.
MEAN?
IN FACT, ON SECOND THOUGHT ...
...WHY DON'T THE TWO OF US HAVE DINNER ALONE?
AND YOU KNOW WHAT?
IT'S NO BIGGIE THAT'S JUST HOW OIKAWA IS.
HE IS A CAPRICORN AFTER ALL.
OH!
HE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT. HE'S JUST LIKE THAT.

NO, NO, MY DEAR. NOT AT ALL!
YOU'RE SURE YOU DON'T MIND ME WEARING THIS? THIS DRESS HAS GOT TO BE AMAZINGLY EXPENSIVE!! IT'S LIKE A DRESS GIRLS WOULD WEAR TO THE ROKUMEIKAN ACADEMY AWARDS OR SOMETHING!!!
I'D NEVER HAVE GUESSED YOU CAN ENTER THIS ROOM FROM THE READING ROOM ABOVE I'M IMPRESSED!
WOW!!♡
I INHERITED THIS HOUSE FROM MY GRAND-FATHER.
HE LOVED GIMMICKS AND STUFF LIKE HIDDEN DOORS IN THE HOUSE.
BY THE WAY ...

NO!! DON'T DRINK IT!!
THAT SMELL!!

PLEASE, HAVE SOMETHING TO DRINK.
SURE. THANK YOU.
CHAMPAGNE?

ZEUS. WHATEVER.
I MEAN, WHAT KIND OF A NAME IS THAT? HE'S WAY BEYOND ANNOYING.
YOU REALLY THINK SO? HE SEEMS NICE TO ME.. SINCERE, TOO. ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU COMPARE HIM TO...
...SOMEONE WHO CALLS MY DAUGHTER CLUELESS.

MEAN-WHILE, I BETTER GO BACK TO WHERE EVERYONE ELSE IS.
OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

FREEZE! DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE.
OH MY GOSH! YOU'RE ...
MR. HOSHI-ZAWA!
AARGH!

OH NO. AM I LOST?
WHERE'S THE...
...READING ROOM?
O... OIKAWA?
THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE BED?!
...
SIRIUS!

...TRADE HER-SELF FOR HIM.
THE STAR RING...
TELL SPICA ...
...WE'VE GOT HER FATHER.
IF SHE WANTS TO SAVE HIM, SHE HAS TO...
NEWS-FLASH: I'M NOT GOING TO...
...LET YOU LEAVE HERE...
...EVER!
WHO IS SHE?
!
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Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (16)

Breaking the Ice: How to hit it off with a particular sign.

Aries – Invite him to an outdoor activity. Sports, whether tennis or snowboarding, are awesome choices.
Taurus – He enjoys quiet and relaxing moments alone with you. Dinner at a nice restaurant is a good bet.
Gemini – Invite him to go shopping. He's a firm believer in the motto, "Shop 'til you drop."
Cancer – Give him a gift. Be a little aggressive since he tends to be shy.
Leo – Leave everything up to him. Ask this take-charge type to plan your date.
Virgo – Try to find brainy things you have in common with him. Maybe introduce him to some of your favorite books?
Libra – He enjoys hanging out in popular places and goes for trendy activities.
Scorpio – Share some of your secrets with him to increase the trust of this mysterious type.
Sagittarius – The archer loves to be asked out. He's a smooth and savvy talker too.
Capricorn – Invite him to a movie or a resort with a hot spring. He needs to relax!
Aquarius – He enjoys going out with a gigantic group of people. Talk about Mr. Social!!
Pisces – Karaoke or a concert would both be good choices since the sign of the fish is artistic.

ZEUS' HOUSE OF TRICKS (Part 2)

★File 9★

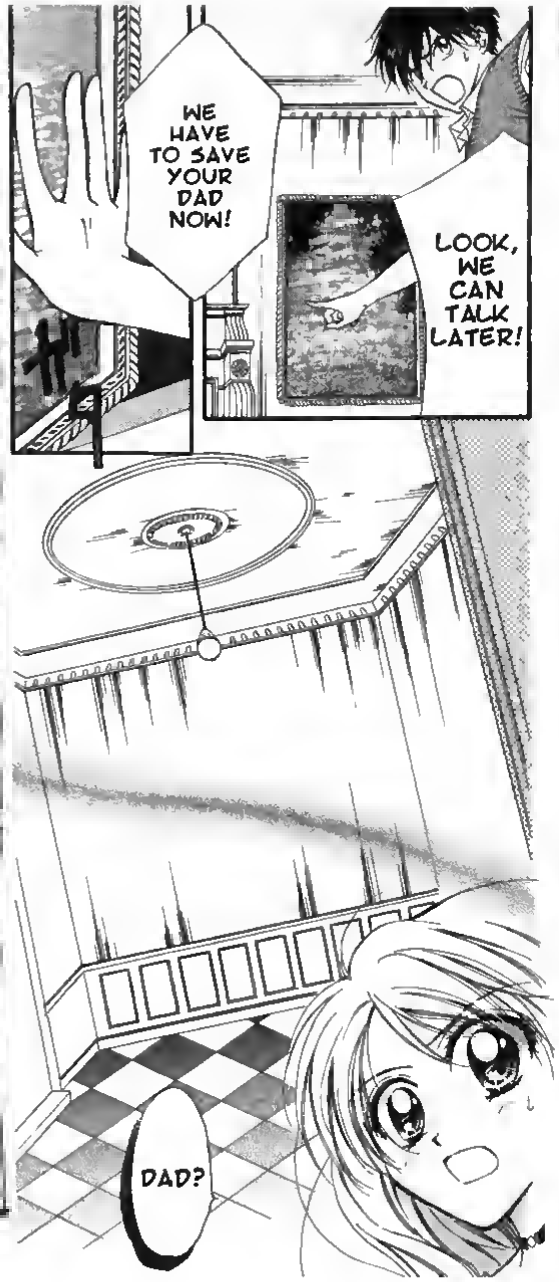
ゼウスのトリックハウス(後編)

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH HIM?
SIRIUS?
...THE STAR RING MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE COURTYARD.
BEFORE THE CLOCK OVER THERE STRIKES SEVEN O'CLOCK...
I HAVE A ROTTEN FEELING ABOUT ALL OF THIS.
I'VE GOT TO FIND OIKAWA AND DAD AND GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE. FAST!!
I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE GOING ANYWHERE!
URGHH !!!

Without light, I'd have to spend this unforgettable day in total darkness That's the last thing I needed, so I ran to a store to get a light bulb It wasn't easy to install all by myself but I managed to do it.

I really thought I could die. Luckily the only bad thing that happened was I cut my finger by accidentally breaking one of the bulbs inside my hand. The moving truck didn't come until super late that day. A guy from the moving company ended up waiting for the truck with me. We had dinner together. He kept complaining about his job the entire time we ate. Anyway, that part is a bright spot in my good "moving" memories now.

Well actually, all I really wanted was to finish moving



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LOOK, THERE ARE SOME CANDLES
IT'S TEMPERED GLASS! IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK!
I SEE...
HE'S IN A COMPLETELY CLOSED CHAMBER.
WHAT...
...DOES THAT MEAN?
SOONER OR LATER, THE OXYGEN INSIDE WILL RUN OUT!
OH MY GOSH!!!

HEY, LILI!
THEY DEFINITELY ENTERED THIS ROOM.
!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT IS THIS GLASS ?
DAD ?!

...ANSWER YOUR MASTER AND...
...COME OUT OF THE RING!
ALL RIGHT, DARN IT, I'LL FACE THIS CHALLENGE!
GANY-MEDE,
THE SPIRIT OF AQUARIUS...
SO THIS IS WHAT SIRIUS WAS...
...TALK-ING ABOUT.
HUH?
SIRIUS SAID THAT?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TRADE YOUR STAR RING FOR HIM.
...SO I'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPEN THIS DOOR!
AFTER ALL, SIRIUS PUT YOUR DAD IN THERE...
THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO ENTER THIS CHAMBER.
I WON'T LET YOU LEAVE HERE.

Ms. M! She helped me with screentones.

She always brought a ton of snacks and sweets!

She even brought exotic ones sometimes

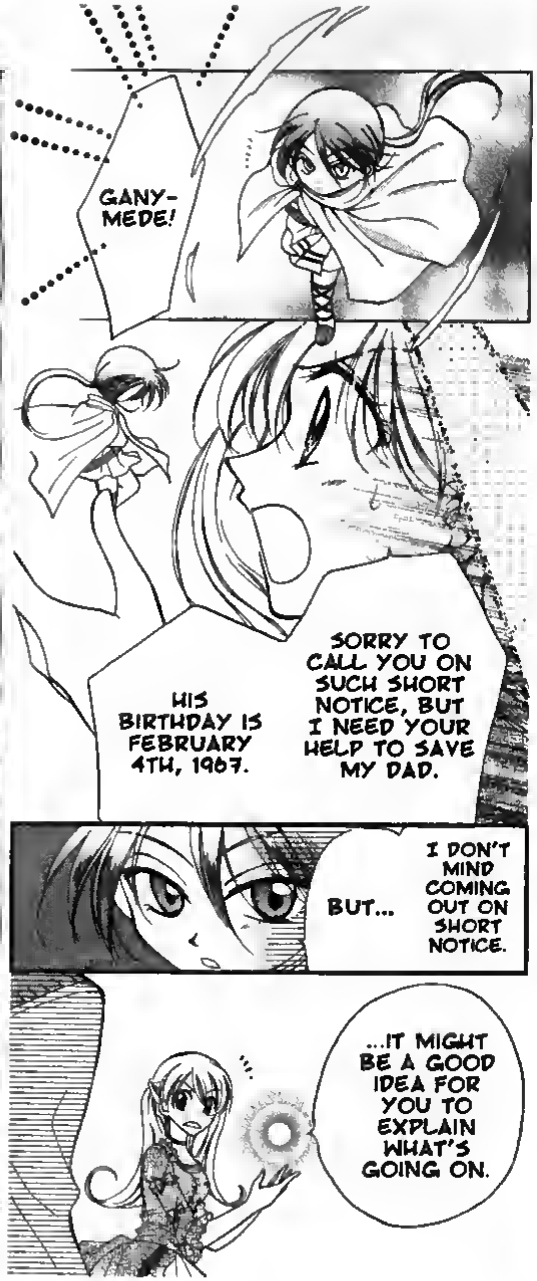
Everything tasted great, except for the chocolate mint cream puff

What an unforgettable taste

It tasted like a cream puff laced with toothpaste!!

Ms. M says she never saw the chocolate mint cream puff for sale again.

No wonder!!


GANY-MEDE!
SORRY TO CALL YOU ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE MY DAD.
HIS BIRTHDAY IS FEBRUARY 4TH, 1967.
I DON'T MIND COMING OUT ON SHORT NOTICE.
BUT...
...IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON.

I CAN'T JUST LET GO OF IT.
THIS STAR RING THAT MY MOM LEFT ME...
THIS HAS GOT TO BE A DREAM...
A DREAM...
...REVEALS THE DESTINY...
A LITTLE HUMAN CAME OUT OF THE RING...
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE... ABSOLUTELY NOT POSSIBLE.
I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT ON THE X-FILES!
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THE STAR RING...
...RULED BY YOUR STAR.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS? STILL THINK YOU'RE DREAMING?
OW!
YOU NEED HELP TO SAVE YOUR DAD AND PROTECT THE STAR RING, RIGHT?
THE TRUTH OF THIS CASE IS...
GUIDED BY THE RULING PLANET AND THE SUN...
...GANYMEDE SERVES THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING...
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WAKE UP, DAD!!
DAD!
IT'S SEVEN O'CLOCK ALREADY! TIME TO MEET WITH SIRIUS.
NO TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT HINT MEANS.
THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE DAD IS TO HAND OVER THE STAR RING!
LILI!
GO TO THE COURTYARD JUST LIKE SIRIUS TOLD YOU TO.
MAKE HIM BELIEVE YOU ARE COMPLYING WITH HIS DEMAND.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY JUST "4"?
CAN'T YOU GIVE US BETTER HINTS?
BE SERIOUS FOR A SECOND.
COME ON NOW!
...THIS IS NOTHING NEW.

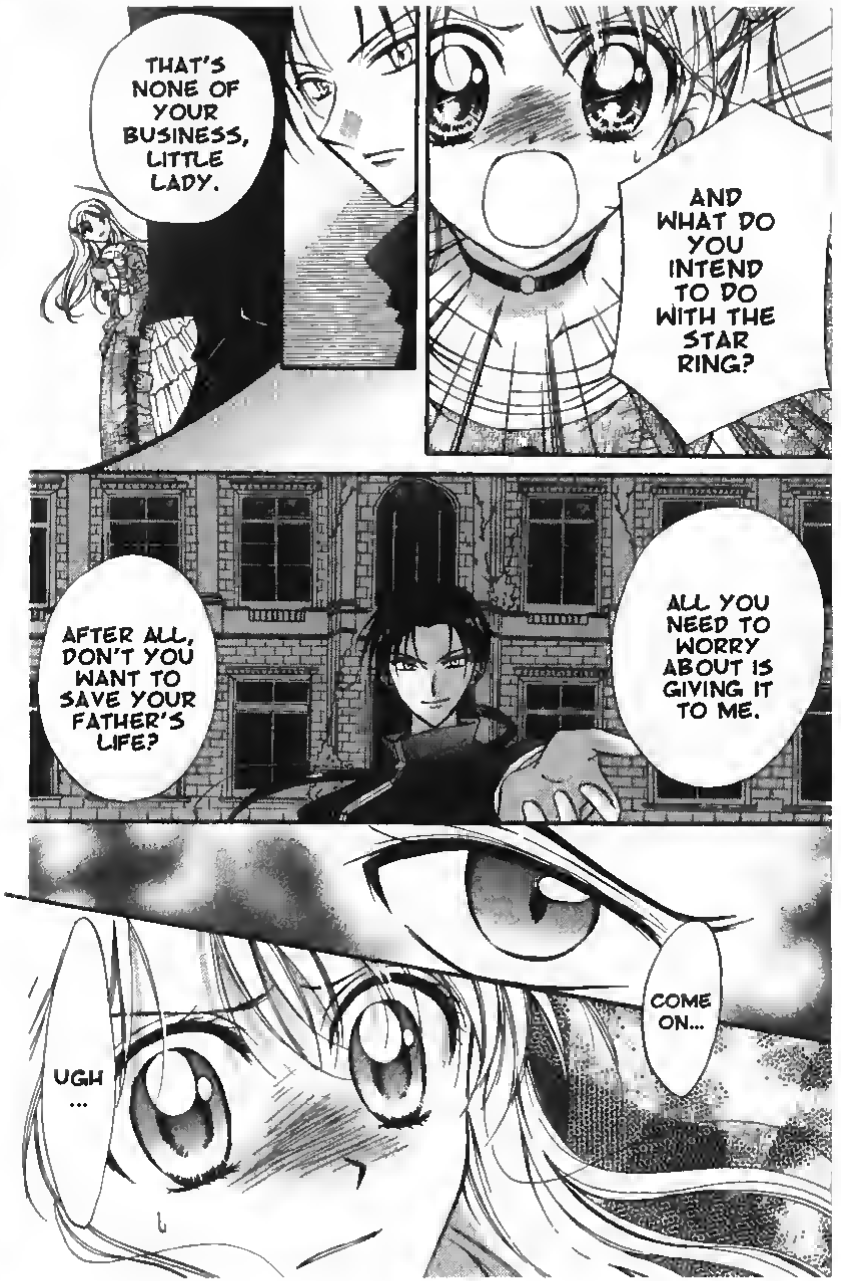
YES, OKAY.
AFTER ALL, I TRUST YOU.
ONCE I SAVE YOUR DAD, I'LL GIVE YOU A CLUE.
DID YOU BRING...
...THE STAR RING?

...AND SAVE YOUR DAD.
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT THE FIGURE "4" MEANS...
WE'RE GOING TO SAVE YOUR DAD AND THE STAR RING...
RIGHT?
OIKAWA...

THE STAR RING REVEALS EVERY HUMAN BEING'S DESTINY.
ONE DAY, I WAS READING MY GRAND-FATHER'S DIARY...
...AND LEARNED THERE IS SOME-THING FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY GEM.
MY FAMILY HAS BEEN IN THE FORTUNE-TELLING BUSINESS FOR GENERA-TIONS...
...MAINLY USING VARIOUS GEMS.
I DECIDED I HAD TO HAVE THE STAR RING FOR MYSELF.

ZEUS ...
I TOLD YOU...
...YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE HERE.
HOW DID YOU EVEN FIND OUT...
...THAT I HAVE THE STAR RING!?
I HAVE TO BUY SOME TIME..

OIKAWA...
!
WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES THIS FIGURE "4" MEAN?
CRAP!
FLUOR-ESCENT PAINT...
...ALL OVER THE WALL?
IS THIS SOME KIND OF TRICK?
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE STARRY SKY.


THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, LITTLE LADY.
AND WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH THE STAR RING?
AFTER ALL, DON'T YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR FATHER'S LIFE?
ALL YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS GIVING IT TO ME.
UGH ...
COME ON...

I CAN'T HOLD OFF ANY LONGER...
NOW!
I...
4
COME ON!
PERHAPS...
THE LONGER YOU WAIT, THE LESS CHANCE YOUR FATHER HAS TO SURVIVE!
STARRY SKY HMMM
!!

NO! I WON'T ...
.....
?
...GIVE IT TO YOU!
WHAT?
I JUST WANT TO RETURN THE DRESS! THAT'S IT.
YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR FATHER?
LOOKS LIKE...
...OIKAWA HAS ALREADY RESCUED MY DAD.
!
THE LIGHTS ARE...
...ON.

YUP, I SURE DID.
YOU SAVED MY DAD!
BY THE WAY, THE CLUE "4" ...
IT'S NOT THE FIGURE "4" BUT...
IN THAT ROOM ...
...THERE ARE EASTERN CONSTELLATIONS ON THE EASTERN WALL, WESTERN CONSTELLATIONS ON THE WESTERN WALL, AND SO FORTH
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THE GREAT HUNTER, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE WESTERN SKY, WAS THERE.
WHEN I TOUCHED IT, THE DOOR TO THE CHAMBER OPENED.
BUT THERE WAS ONE THING IN THE NORTH THAT CAUGHT MY EYE
...THE SIGN FOR NORTHERN DIRECTION.
!

OH WELL. GUESS IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME.
.....
YOU'LL COME BACK SOON...
...AND OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL!
OIKAWA!

WHAT?
SIRIUS!

LILI...

OH, STOP. IT. YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.
THANKS, OIKAWA!
S...
SURE.
LET'S GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE.
THIS ISN'T A GOOD TIME TO GET HYPED UP.
TAP.
LILI?

...MOM!!
.....
...IT SOUNDS SO FAMILIAR.
HOW CAN I FORGET THAT VOICE?
BECAUSE SHE'S MY...
THAT VOICE CALLING MY NAME...

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REUNION WITH MOM

★File 10★

ママとの再会（さいかい）

In the series, I got Lili dressed up in various ways. One of my favorite outfits is her school uniform in File 7 (See Zodiac PI volume 3). I think her best hairdo is the wavy wig in File 3. The easiest astral spirits to draw are Io and Regulus. My editor gave me some cool letters and drawings from my readers the other day. Io's drawing outnumbers any of the astral spirits, which makes me happy because she is also my favorite character. By the way, I have a lot of friends and acquaintances who are Taureans. They're very down-to-earth and never do anything like buy stuff on the spur of the moment. I totally respect them!!
At one autographing session, I asked for each fan's sign and drew her astral spirit along with my autograph. I saw Librans and Cancerians the most. I can't believe I'm a manga artist who writes about astrology, something that was my absolute passion when I was a kid. I wrote for Nakayoshi magazine, which was the most influential manga magazine in my childhood. Hold on to your childhood dreams! They might come true!

LILI!!
YOU KNOW WHAT? SOMEONE TOLD ME SHE THOUGHT I WAS YOUR SISTER. ♡
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS MAKE YOURSELF LOOK YOUNGER!
WELL... I WANT TO KEEP UP WITH YOU, YOU KNOW.

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (17)

Aquarius ♒ Ganymede

Ganymede was an extremely handsome young man and Zeus kidnapped him. The constellation Aquarius (Water Bearer) represents Ganymede looking into the "water of wisdom." Aquarians are independent and free-spirited. They think freedom is more important than anything else. Watch out for their unpredictability, though. They don't like too much affection from others, like being touched unnecessarily. But sometimes they do enjoy a cozy relationship. Aquarian boys tend to make a quick decision about which girls they go out with. Once they find a girl they find attractive, they ask her out with little hesitation. They could end up dating more than one girl at a time. They like intelligent girls but they can't stand aggressive ones. Aquarians get along best with Geminis.

MOM?
RUN, LILI!
BUT ...
COME ON!! MOVE IT!!
MOM...
WHY?!
WHY DO YOU CALL YOURSELF SIRIUS?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME AT ALL?
MOM ...
LILI?
WHY DID YOU ALLY YOURSELF WITH SOMEONE LIKE ZEUS?
GIVE ME THE...
...STAR RING.
!

CALM DOWN.
YOU'RE PUTTING YOURSELF IN TOTAL DANGER BY GOING BACK THERE.
HOLD IT, LILI!
...YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCOVER SOMETHING THAT EXPLAINS THEIR RELATION-SHIP.
MAYBE SOME PICTURES OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
IF YOUR MOM AND ZEUS ARE ACQUAIN-TANCES...
LET'S TRY INVESTI-GATING FIRST, OKAY?
.....

YOUR DAD SHOULD COME TO HIS SENSES SOON.
I...
I'M GOING BACK TO ZEUS' TO SEE MY MOM AGAIN.
I HAVE A LOT TO ASK HER.

...WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO MY MOM, ALL BY MYSELF.
MOM MUST BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS BUILDING...
SORRY, OIKAWA.
I CAN'T GET YOU INVOLVED TOO MUCH.
AFTER ALL, THIS IS ABOUT MY MOM
BUT I HAVE TO FIND OUT...

A WOMAN.
THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE BED, JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.
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.....
I WON'T LET YOU LEAVE HERE.
THIS ROOM
I WAS IN HERE BEFORE.
EVER!!

I WON'T GIVE MY STAR RING TO YOU FOR ANYTHING.
BUT...
...WHERE IS MY MOM?!
ACTING LIKE A SUPER-HERO AGAIN, HUH?
YOUR CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN SPICA MAKES ME SICK...
HAVE YOU DECIDED TO HAND OVER THE STAR RING?

HER NAME IS "HIKARI."
Z...
!
ZEUS ?!

W...
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M PARALYZED.
...WHAT SPICA DID TO ME.
TWO YEARS AGO, I TOOK THE STAR RING FROM SPICA.
AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE DID THEN?
LILI HOSHI-ZAWA.
YOUR BIRTH-DAY IS APRIL 16TH...
...AND YOUR BIRTH-STONE IS...
I CAN'T STAND IT!
...THE DIAMOND.
LET ME SHOW YOU...

IT'S...
...ZEUS AND...
...MY MOM.
SPICA ...
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
GIVE THE STAR RING BACK...
...OR YOU'LL LOSE SOMEONE YOU LOVE.
HI-KARI ...
HIKARI!!
TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED ...
...AND HIKARI HAS BEEN UNCON-SCIOUS EVER SINCE.

MY BODY...
NO!
...I CAN'T MOVE!
...I WILL PAY BACK SPICA FOR WHAT SHE DID.
H... HELP!!
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT HOW TO BRING HIKARI BACK...
...THROUGH THE POWER OF THE STAR RING.
THEN ...
LI-LI...

MOM...
IT'S ALL SPICA'S FAULT.
NO WAY!!
...SHOVED ZEUS' GIRLFRIEND OVER THE CLIFF?
N... NO!
SPICA'S FAULT?!
BUT THAT'S WHAT SPICA IS ALL ABOUT.

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LILI!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
Y...
YEAH ...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S NOT FOLLOWING US DOWN HERE.
WHAT ?
.....
I DID SOME RE-SEARCH ON ZEUS...
...AND HIS RELATION-SHIP WITH YOUR MOM.

ZEUS!
SO MUCH FOR YOUR HYPNOSIS.
O...
OIKAWA!
THAT KIND OF HYPNOSIS IS A SUBTLE ONE...
...USING LIGHTS COMING THROUGH THE GEMS...
BUT THOSE LIGHTS ARE OVERWHELMED BY STRONGER RAYS, SO THEY'RE INEFFECTIVE IN DAYLIGHT.
URG!
I AM TAKING LILI BACK!

WAIT, I STILL DON'T GET IT.
MY MOM ...
...SPICA... TRIED TO KILL ZEUS' GIRLFRIEND.
THAT'S WHY HE...
LI ...
OH! I'M ALL CONFUSED NOW.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE ...
...ANY-MORE.
LILI!

I GOT INFOR-MATION ABOUT THE FLOOR-PLAN OF THIS HOUSE, TOO.
HYPNOSIS ?!
ZEUS'S FAMILY IS WAY BETTER AT HYPNOSIS ...
YEAH.
...HYPNOTIC STATE.
MAYBE YOUR MOM IS IN A...
...THAN FORTUNE-TELLING.
ANYWAY, DON'T GO AND DO ANYTHING RECKLESS BY YOURSELF.
BECAUSE OF SPICA, HIKARI IS

SPICA...
JUST AS YOU UN-RAVELED A MILLION CASES BEFORE ...
IF YOU'RE CONFUSED, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS...
...FIND OUT THE TRUTH.
I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND IT...
WHAT?
OUCH!
LILI!
DO YOU REALLY MEAN WHAT YOU JUST SAID?
...THAN YOU?
WHO BETTER TO BELIEVE IN YOUR MOM...

THANKS, OIKAWA.

SO I GUESS THAT MEANS I HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH, TOO
LET ME TELL YOU WHAT. EVER SINCE I FOUND OUT YOU'RE SPICA
WE'VE BEEN WORKING AS A TEAM
OIKAWA...
I ALMOST FORGOT...
HIS WORDS ALWAYS CHEER ME UP...
...ALWAYS
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE I NEED TO STEP FORWARD.
YES.

STOP IT, MOM!
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WATCH OUT, LILI!
URG !!
OIKAWA, ARE YOU OKAY?
GIVE ME THE ...
...STAR RING. NOW!
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!

Mademoiselle Lili's Astrology (18)

Cancer ♋ Praesepe

Cancerians are ultra-caring homebodies. They're very kind and are always concerned for others. Their philosophy is "all humankind are brothers and sisters." They like cute things, so pick something fun for their birthday presents. They're good at paying attention to details and enjoy taking care of others. But they can be way possessive. Cancerian boys are shy and often hesitate to express their feelings toward girls they love. Their type is someone who is kind and easy-going. They get along best with Taureans.

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WHERE THE TRUTH IS

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THERE MUST BE...
...A WAY.
BUT...
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO BREAK THE HYPNOTIC SPELL.
SHE'S DEFINITELY UNDER HYPNOSIS.
MOM!
A DIAMOND RING?
RING?
DIAMOND... HMMM...

MOM!
MOM!!
.....
IT'S LILI!
PLEASE, REMEMBER ME!
...STAR RING. NOW!
GIVE ME THE ...
!

LILI!
DON'T MOVE!
ONLY IF I CAN TAKE THAT RING OFF YOUR FINGER.
HMM —
...STAR RING RIGHT NOW!!
GIVE ME THE ...

MINAI SPICA
YOUR BIRTH-STONE IS
LILI HOSHI-ZAWA
...DO TWO YEARS AGO I STOLE THIS STAR RING FROM HER
WAIT! MOM'S BIRTHSTONE IS ALSO...
...A DIAMOND!!!
MAYBE ...
...MOM IS UNDER HYPNOSIS WHILE SHE HAS ON THIS RING!!

NO, MOM! BECAUSE YOU SEE...
.....
...THIS PRE-CIOUS RING...
...YOU LEFT ME...
IT REPRE-SENTS...
...THE BOND BETWEEN US.
SO I'D NEVER LET IT GO FOR ANYTHING.
!
LILI!

PLEASE, MOM!
MOM...
CALL ME...
COME BACK TO YOURSELF AND TURN INTO THE MOM I LOVE.
CALL ME BY MY NAME.
..."LILI" AGAIN.

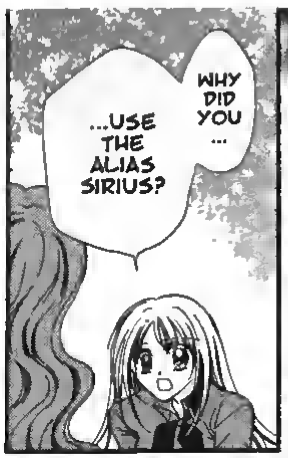
M...
MOM?

SHAME ON YOU!
LI...
I WAS SO...
...ABOUT YOU.
...WORRIED...
SHAME ON YOU...
...LILI!
YOU'RE BEING RECKLESS AGAIN.
WHAT IF YOU GET HURT?!
UH
LILI!

I'M SO SORRY, LILI.
YOU ARE CHOKING ME! URG!
I MISSED YOU SO MUCH...
...MOM.

OIKAWA!
ZEUS!
HOLD ON, LILI!
NOW BRING THE STAR RING TO ME.
OW!!
I... I'M OKAY, I GUESS.
MOM?!
HE IS SUCH AN EVIL LOSER.
HE HYPNOTIZED ME TO FALL ASLEEP ONCE I CAME TO MY SENSES.
THIS IS ALL PART OF THE HYPNOSIS
SPICA.
!
OIKAWA!
OKAY, OKAY! ENOUGH WITH THE TOUCHING REUNION, LADIES.

ZEUS THINKS I HURT HIS GIRLFRIEND...
...BUT THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE.
LILI, LISTEN TO ME.
FIND THE ... TRUTH FOR ME.
J... JUNE...
...28TH... 1977.
MOM!


WHY DID YOU ...
...USE THE ALIAS SIRIUS?

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D TAKE OVER MY JOB AND BECOME SPICA.
THEN I JUST HAD TO SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AS SPICA BY MASKING MY TRUE IDENTITY.

!
HE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT SINCE I MET HIM TWO YEARS AGO.
HE ACHIEVES HIS GOALS BY FAIR MEANS OR FOUL.
I DECIDED TO DISAPPEAR FOR A WHILE TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR DAD OUT OF DANGER.
ALL MY WORRYING TURNED OUT TO BE TOTALLY UN-NECESSARY.

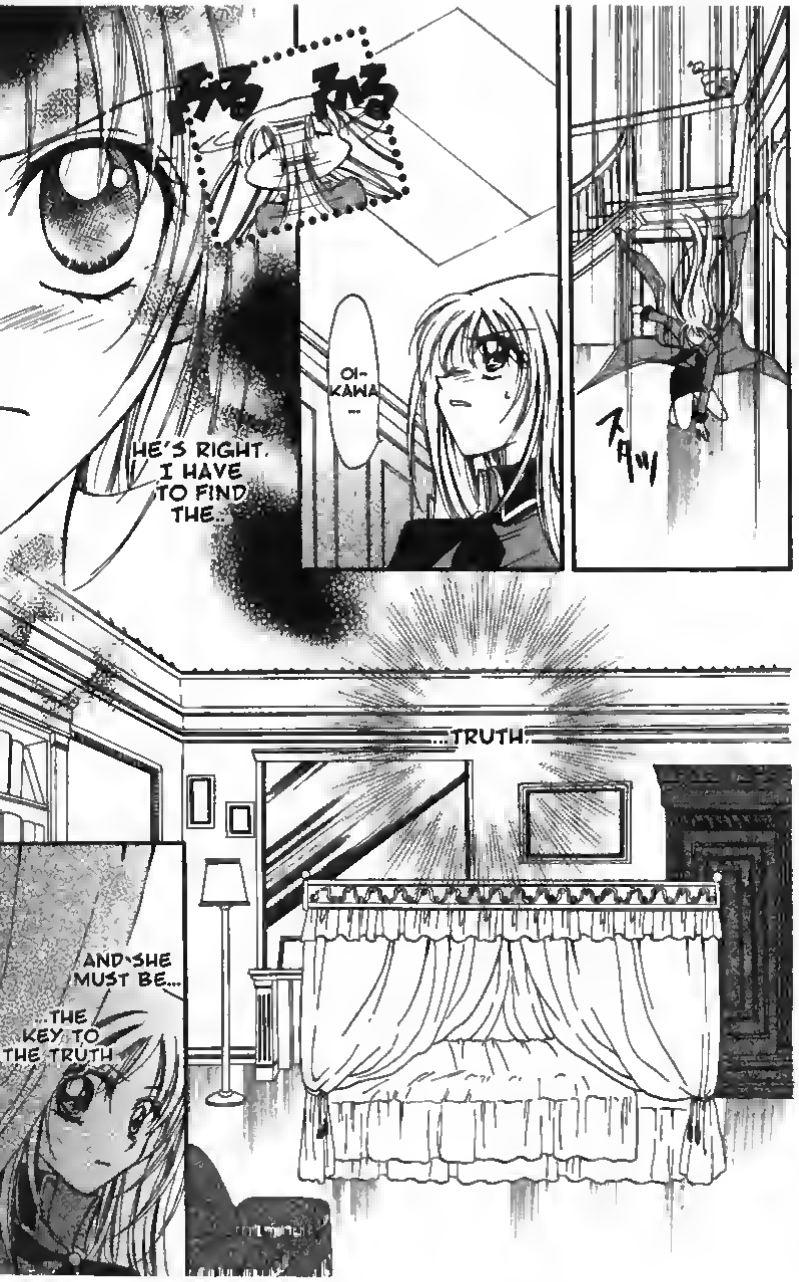
GET AWAY FROM HERE, LILI!
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
GIVE ME THE STAR RING OR...
...I'LL PULL THE TRIGGER.
I MEAN IT!!
LET HIM GO!!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
WAIT HERE FOR ME, MOM...
OIKAWA...

OIKAWA ...
BUT IF EITHER OF YOU DO ANYTHING STUPID, BOTH OF YOU WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS.
WHY NOT?
LET OIKAWA ...
...GO!
WAIT!
WHY DON'T YOU RELEASE THE HOSTAGE FIRST?
THEN YOU CAN GET THE STAR RING FROM HER.
LISTEN, LILI.
EVEN IF YOU GIVE HIM THE STAR RING, HE'LL STILL HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST SPICA.
UNLESS YOU DISCOVER THE TRUTH, HE WON'T STOP TRYING TO HURT SPICA.
FIND THE TRUTH, LILI.
AND I'LL TRY TO BUY SOME TIME WITH ZEUS.

BUT I TOLD YOU, LILI...
YOU CAN DO IT!
WHAT?
I TRUST YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.

NO WAY!
HOW CAN I LEAVE YOU HERE?
YOU ARE ...
...TOO IMPORTANT TO ME.
YOU'RE... VERY IMPORTANT!


HE'S RIGHT. I HAVE TO FIND THE..
OI-KAWA --
...TRUTH.
AND SHE MUST BE...
...THE KEY TO THE TRUTH

WHAT?
YOU WOULDN'T DARE SHOOT THE HOSTAGE, NOW WOULD YOU?
I KNOW ALL THE HIDDEN DOORS IN THE HOUSE AND HOW TO OPEN THEM.
YOU JERK...
!

One day I was watching a show on TV, and one actress said.

I was surprised to see how the others on the show reacted to her comment

I thought everyone did that. It happens to me all the time. It really stinks when I have to go back to the shower after drying my body off. Also, I often come out of the restroom with my belt undone. The other days, I bought a new skirt I wore it for a while without realizing I forgot to remove the thread on the back of it. What can I say? I'm a geek!!!

PRAE-SEPE!
I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HIKARI'S HOROSCOPE WAS TWO YEARS AGO.
HER BIRTHDAY WAS JUNE 28TH, 1977.
YOU SURE DO EASE THE TENSION OF THINGS...
HELLO, LILI.
ふか ふか
SURE THING, KIDDO!
スッ
HIKARI'S HOROSCOPE ...
—PRAESEPE SERVES THE OWNER OF THE STAR RING.
GUIDED BY THE RULING PLANET AND THE SUN...

EVERYTHING...
...YOU KNOW.

SOME-
...A CRUCIFIX WHICH PROVES THE TRUTH...
A CRUCIFIX ...
...IS SOME-WHERE IN THIS ROOM.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IS IT IN ANOTHER ROOM?
IS IT HIDDEN?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW!
OIKAWA...

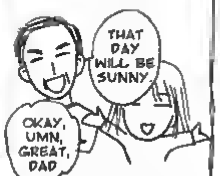
AND ...
...WHAT REVEALS THE TRUTH OF THE CASE IS...
...HER LIFE WILL BE FULL OF DEEP SORROW AND KEPT IN DARKNESS.
...A CRUCIFIX.

...THE CRUCIFIX.
HOLY BIB
IT COULD BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE CRUCIFIX
IT COULD BE THE CHINESE CHAR-ACTER TEN...
OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT RELATES TO...
I CAN FIND THE TRUTH!

C...CALM DOWN, PRAESEPE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? CAN I GET SOMETHING FOR YOU?
JUST CHILL.
LILI, YOU LOOK SO PALE!
...OIKAWA ALWAYS TELLS ME TO...
IN TIMES LIKE THIS...
...CALM DOWN.
"YOU CAN FIND THE TRUTH."

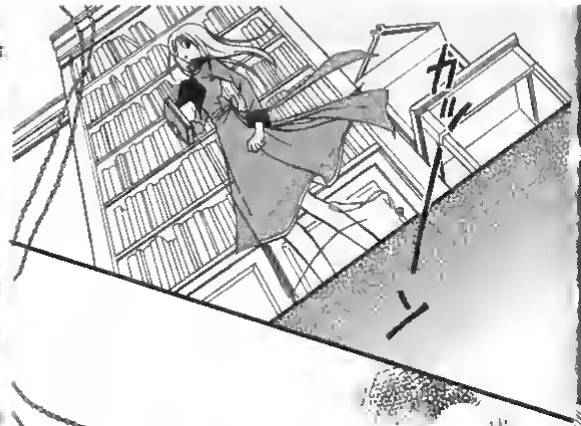
Remember what I told you about my dad, that he loves hearing weather forecasts, in volume 3? He read it and gave me a hard time

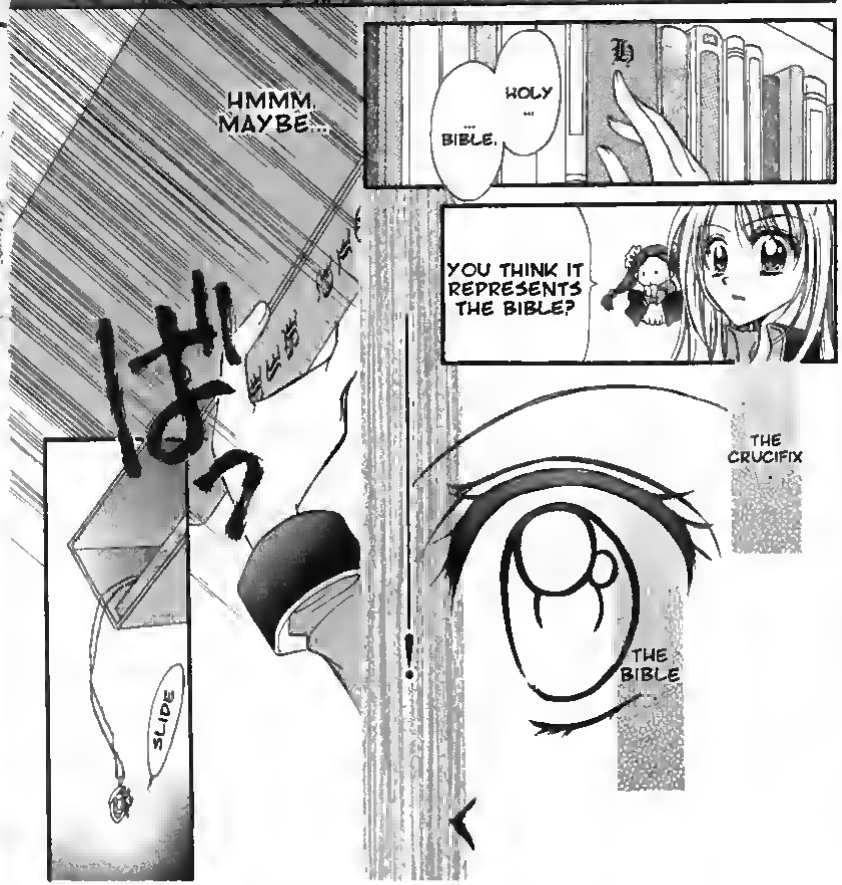
Yup he wasn't exactly happy about the way I drew him. So I made his hair a little thicker this time. But, I have to be honest, he LOVES the weather forecast. Once he knows I am going on a trip, he gives me the weather forecast a week ahead.

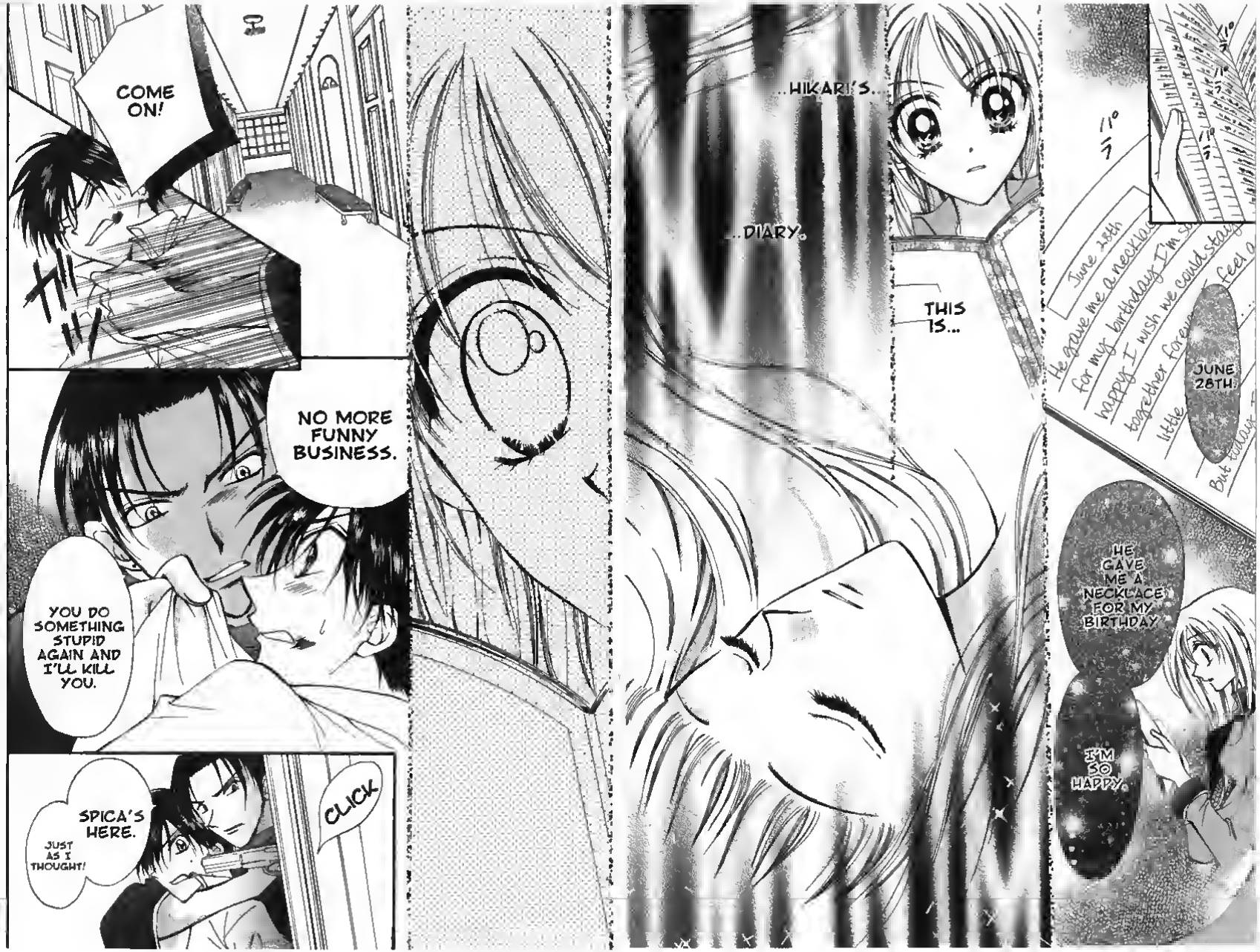


He's a very nice guy, though that trip turned out to be not so sunny. My father overlooks a lot of my bad manners, such as opening the door with my foot. But he can be strict in strange ways. For example, when I eat with my left hand under the table, he yells at me like crazy.

Sometimes I don't know what his problem is. By the way, my Dad's blood type is AB.






COME ON!
NO MORE FUNNY BUSINESS.
YOU DO SOMETHING STUPID AGAIN AND I'LL KILL YOU.
CLICK
SPICA'S HERE.
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
...HIKARI'S...
...DIARY.
THIS IS...
June 28th
He gave me a necklace for my birthday. I'm so happy I wish we could stay together forever. Feels a little
JUNE 28TH
But
HE GAVE ME A NECKLACE FOR MY BIRTHDAY
I'M SO HAPPY.

ALL I WANT IS THE STAR RING!
SO CUT THE BULL OR HE'LL DIE!!
TRUTH?
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE SUCH A COWARD.

...ZEUS.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
I NEED TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH NOW.

LILI!
NO!!!

YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY YOURSELF, CAN YOU?
YOU CAN'T GET THINGS YOU WANT WITHOUT TAKING A HOSTAGE?
WHAT?
DEEP DOWN, YOU'RE SCARED OF KNOWING WHAT HIKARI REALLY THINKS ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE AFRAID OF KNOWING THE TRUTH.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HIKARI STILL LOVES YOU.
STOP!
THAT'S ENOUGH !!

WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
LILI!
LILI!!
IT'S ALL HER FAULT.
.....
YOU SHOULD HAVE GIVEN ME THE STAR RING A LONG TIME AGO.
LILI!

I FINALLY GOT REVENGE ON SPICA!!
WHY CAN'T YOUR FEEBLE MIND COMPREHEND ...
...YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
NO ...
...WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON...
...IN HIKARI'S MIND?

.....
WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET?
I JUST PAID BACK WHAT SPICA DID TO HIKARI.
HIKARI MUST BE HAPPY ABOUT IT NOW.

HOW ...
... COME ...
!
...HIKARI ...
...PRO-TECTED ME?
THAT'S ...
THE BULLET HIT RIGHT ON THE STONE.
I FOUND IT ALONG WITH HIKARI'S DIARY.
THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S THE NECKLACE YOU GAVE TO HIKARI.

LILI?!
LI...

...ENOUGH!
ENOUGH IS...
HIKARI DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE A MURDERER...
I'M READY TO DIE WITH HIKARI ANY TIME!
ZEUS...
I'LL KILL YOU ALL...
...AND MAKE YOU SUFFER FOREVER!
SEPTEMBER 4TH
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN OVER A MONTH.
ALL HE THINKS ABOUT IS THE STAR RING
I WONDER IF HE'S FALLEN OUT OF LOVE WITH ME

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF ENDURING SO MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.
A REQUEST TO...
I NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT HE REALLY THINKS OF ME.
I NEED TO MAKE A REQUEST TO SPICA.
THAT'S RIGHT.
MOM!
...SPICA?

IT'S FROM HIKARI'S...
...DIARY.
AFTER ALL, HE'D TAKE ANY RISKS TO GET THE STAR RING.
OCTOBER 15TH
I AM GETTING MORE AND MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM.
I WONDER IF HE DOESN'T NEED ME ANYMORE?
DOES HE THINK I'M INSIG-NIFICANT COMPARED TO THE STAR RING?

HE...
...NEED ME ANYMORE.
...DOES NOT...
THREW HERSELF OVER THE CLIFF.
THEN SHE...
THA...
...THAT CAN'T BE... TRUE.
...THERE WAS TO BE AN EXCHANGE OF THE RING WITH YOUR LOVED ONE, BUT..
TWO YEARS AGO AT THE CLIFF...
HIKARI TOLD ME...
...SHE NEEDS TO KNOW WHICH YOU WILL CHOOSE, HER OR THE STAR RING.
...YOU HESITATED TO GIVE UP THE STAR RING FOR HER.
SEEING YOU DO THAT...
...SHE MUST HAVE BECOME SO DESPERATE.

SHE'S STILL IN COMPLETE DESPAIR.
WHAT CAN BRING HER BACK...
...ISN'T THE STAR RING...
...BUT YOURSELF.
YOU HAVE TO PROVE...
...HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIKARI.
.....
SO...
DRIP
...SORRY.

OI-
KAWA
...

LILI!
ARE YOU HURT?
NO, I... I'M OKAY.
YOU ARE NOT OKAY!
YOU'RE BLEED-ING.
IT'S JUST A... SCRATCH.
SO...
... PLEASE
...LET HIKARI KNOW

AM I RIGHT?
TO ME, THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE IS...
...YOU, OIKAWA.
THE ONLY THING HIKARI WANTS IS...
...SOMETHING TRUE

I WARNED YOU.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO RECKLESS, MAKING ME WORRY ABOUT YOU NONSTOP.
YOU GOT SHOT...
...TRYING TO SAVE ME.
ALL I WANT IS THE STAR RING!
SO CUT THE BULL OR WE'LL DIE!!
THAT'S BECAUSE...
...AFTER READING HIKARI'S DIARY, I REALIZED...
BECAUSE..
...THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN IS...
...LOSING SOMEONE YOU LOVE.

...I THOUGHT I HEARD A VOICE COMING FROM HIKARI.
AT THAT MOMENT...
"ME TOO!"
LILI?
...TRUE LOVE.
HIKARI ...
I LOVE YOU...
...MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
...I'M SORRY.

YES...
I KNOW.
BECAUSE OF SOME DISAGREEMENTS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS...
...WE ACCIDENTALLY HURT EACH OTHER
BUT...

MY FEELINGS...
...AND UNTIL NOW.
EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE...
...TOWARD YOU...
...HAVEN'T CHANGED IN TEN YEARS.

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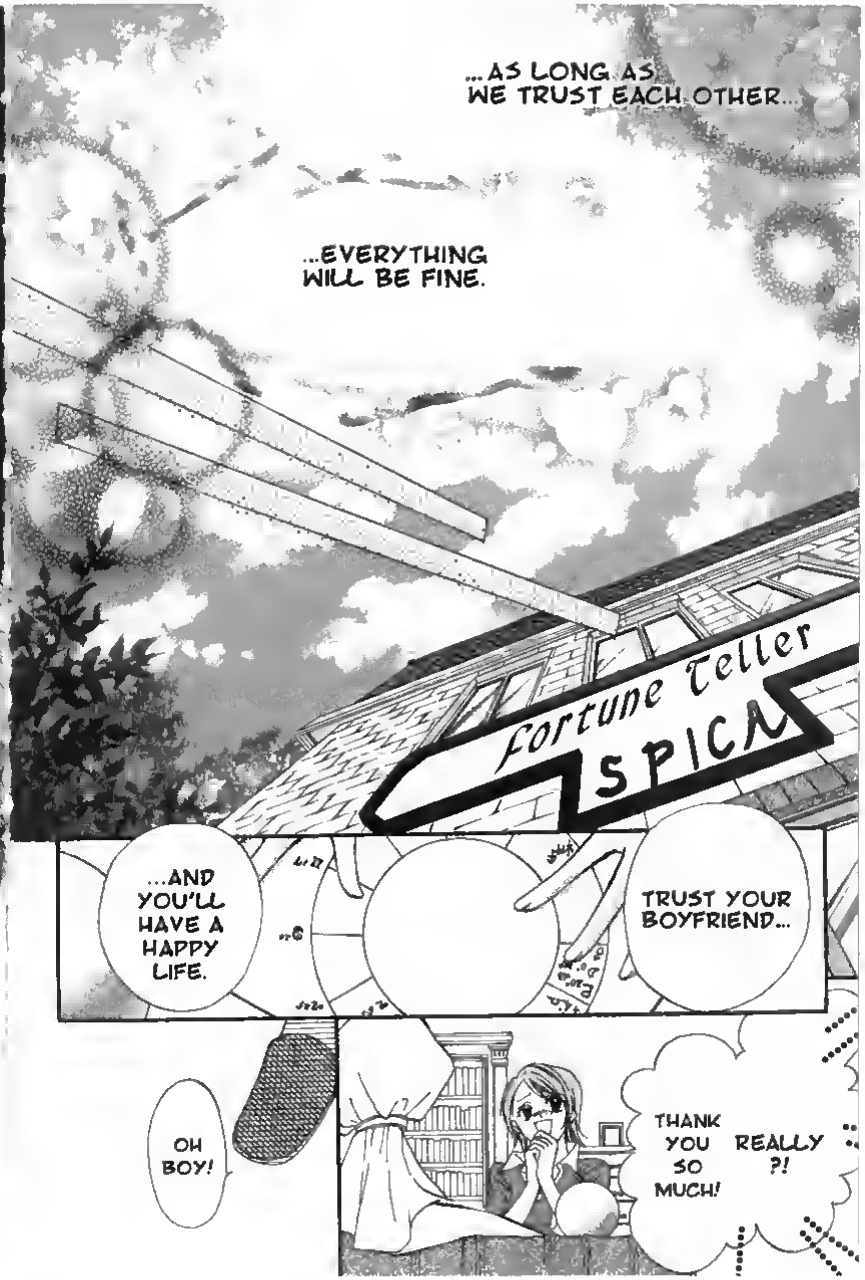
I'm now getting prepared for the next story. I'll probably be starting it by the time this book comes out. I hope you'll enjoy the new series. Keep in touch!!

Thanks again!!

WELL, BUT LOOK!
YOU'VE COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER LILI'S JOB.
SHE HAS AN IMPORTANT JOB, TOO.
M... MMM.
BESIDES, WE CAN BE WITH EACH OTHER NOW. ♡
JUST YOU AND ♡ ME.
WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO.



MR. KIDNAPPER.
YO!
YOU ARE DISHONEST TO THE STAR.
YOU DESERVE A 100 MILLION LIGHT-YEAR PRISON TERM.

WHO...
WHO...
...ARE YOU?
OH!

...WITHOUT KNOWING WHO I AM?
HOW DARE YOU CAUSE TROUBLE AROUND HERE.

NO! I DIDN'T MIS-CALCULATE!
I TOLD YOU ...
...THAT THERE ARE TWO SUSPECTS.
YOU ALWAYS MISCALCULATE.
I HAVE A VERY TRUSTWORTHY PARTNER, AFTER ALL.

YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
WHAT?
URRR!
URRR!
HUH?

WE ARE SPICA!
AND... YOU ARE YOUR OWN STAR!
THE END

EXCUSE ME, BUT...
...WHO ARE YOU TWO?
THE STAR OF TRUTH
THE STAR OF COURAGE
THE STAR OF HOPE
PUT HIM AND ME TOGETHER...
...AND WE CAN FIND ANYTHING

EEEEK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THERE.
YOU WANTED US TO BUMP HEADS, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU BUMP BACK?
NOOOOOO!!!
CALM DOWN, APHRODITE. I'M HERE FOR YOU.
?

I WISH I HAD SOMEONE.
I AM SO JEALOUS OF SPICA. SHE AND HIROMI ARE SO MUCH IN LOVE.
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH GANYMEDE, APHRODITE?
YOU CAN'T JUST WAIT FOR HIM TO NOTICE YOUR FEELINGS. YOU HAVE TO CONFESS TO HIM!!
STAR TALK
APHRODITE, GANYMEDE, & PRAESEPE.
UM EXCUSE ME!
I KNOW, I KNOW. I CAN DO THIS!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO, UM, I DON'T KNOW, UM, BUMP HEADS WITH ME SOMETIME?
REALLY?
SURE!

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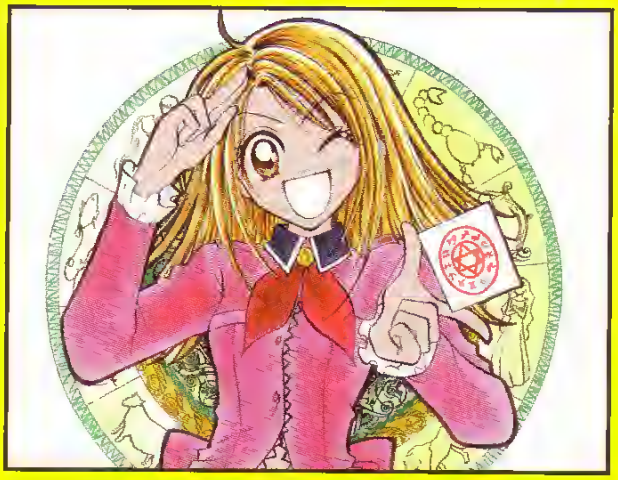

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